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## NCSU Libraries Launches \$1.044 Million Digital Project with Library of Congress

**T**he Library of Congress and the NCSU Libraries entered into a cooperative agreement on September 30, 2004, to complete a \$1.044 million project through the National Digital Information Infrastructure and Preservation Program. The library and its partner, the North Carolina Center for Geographic Information and Analysis, will collect and preserve at-risk digital geospatial data resources from state and local government agencies during the three-year project. Although the effort focuses solely on North Carolina, it is expected to serve as a model for other states.

The geospatial resources targeted for the project include digitized maps, geographic information systems (GIS) data sets, and remote-sensing data resources such as digital aerial photography. A wide range of state and local agencies create these forms of data, and they frequently offer more detailed and up-to-date geospatial data than federal agencies. However, their dissemination practices focus almost exclusively on providing access to the most current data available, rather than any older versions. In 2003 the North Carolina Geographic Information Coordinating Council launched a plan to “organize the geographic information assets statewide” under a program called NC OneMap.

One of the stated goals of NC OneMap is to ensure continuous access to historic and temporal data.

The NCSU Libraries and the North Carolina Center for Geographic Information and Analysis will identify available resources through the NC OneMap data inventory and acquire at-risk geospatial data. The project partners will develop a digital repository architecture for geospatial data through use of open source software tools and emerging metadata standards. In addition, they will investigate methods for automating the identification and capture of data resources by using emerging Open Geospatial Consortium specifications for data interoperability. One outcome of the North Carolina project will be the development of a model for data archiving and time series development that can guide and inform digital preservation efforts in other states and countries.

The NCSU Libraries began offering geospatial data services in the mid-1990s and was an early leader in collecting data from North Carolina’s local governments. Other services include assistance with finding and using data resources, providing access to public workstations, and training (<http://www.lib.ncsu.edu/stacks/gis/>). ♦

## GI Bill Exhibit and Symposium Reminder

**T**he NCSU Libraries opens its exhibition *Transforming Society: The GI Bill Experience at NC State* on October 14, 2004. Combining historical materials with testimonies of current NC State students who served in Iraq and the Mediterranean, the exhibit will be on display in the D. H. Hill Library through December 22, 2004.

On November 12 the Libraries will host a symposium at the McKimmon Center, which is free and open to the public, beginning at 1:00 P.M. Following a keynote address by Milton Greenberg, who wrote *The GI Bill: The Law That Changed America*, there will be a panel discussion moderated by Professor Robert Serow of the NCSU College of Education.

Panelists include Suzanne Mettler of Syracuse University, who is currently at work on a book entitled *Civic Generation: The GI Bill in the Lives of World War II Veterans*; Sion Harrington III, the military collection archivist at the North Carolina Office of Archives and History in Raleigh; and NC State alumnus Ted J. Meyer (1948), who served in World War II. The symposium concludes with remarks by Burley Mitchell Jr. (Class of 1966), former chief justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court. For more information, visit the exhibit Web site at [www.lib.ncsu.edu/exhibits/gibill](http://www.lib.ncsu.edu/exhibits/gibill) or call 515-7188. ♦

## Business Information Network

**A** new electronic resource is available from the NCSU Libraries. The Business Information Network (BIN) is accessible directly at <http://www.lib.ncsu.edu/business> or through the "Research Resources" link on the NCSU Libraries' Web page. The site was created and is maintained in partnership with NC State's College of Management (COM). The BIN promotes access to business resources by tailoring library services to the specific needs of the students and faculty of the COM. The site offers up-to-date business and financial news and links to hard-to-find quality business Web sites.

The BIN helps students learn by providing user guides for library resources that are tailored to the type of research needed. Announcements regarding conferences, workshops, and speakers sponsored by the community, university, or COM present users with opportunities for professional growth. There are also links to career information and job-seeking aids such as tips on interviewing and writing resumes.

The NCSU Libraries also wanted to create a sense of community within the COM by making available online a moderated discussion forum where students and faculty post comments and discuss issues of interest. By keeping COM users apprised of local business events such as meetings and local forums, the BIN bolsters the connection between the college and local businesses. The site also extends the sense of community for COM users within the university by linking to campus events. ♦

## Friends of the Library Fall Events

### ELAINE ORR TO SPEAK AT 2004 FALL LUNCHEON

**P**lease plan on attending the Friends of the Library's annual Fall Luncheon featuring Elaine Orr, NCSU professor of English, as the guest speaker. The event will be held at 12:00 noon on November 10, 2004, at the McKimmon Center. Orr recently finished a tour for her book *Gods of Noonday, A White Girl's African Life*. To learn more about the author and her book, visit the Web site at <http://www.elaineneilorr.com/>.

Another highlight of the luncheon will be the presentation of the 2004 NCSU Libraries Faculty Award to Richard H. Bernhard, NC State College of Engineering.

Advance reservations are required for this event. For ticket information, please call the Friends of the Library, Monday through Friday, 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., at (919) 515-2841.

### TOM WOLFE SPECIAL EVENT PLANNED

**T**om Wolfe, the renowned reporter and author of such bestselling nonfiction works as *The Right Stuff* and *The Electric Kool-Aid Acid Test* and novels as *The Bonfire of the Vanities* and *A Man in Full*, will be guest speaker at a special Friends reading at NC State's McKimmon Center. The reading will be held on Wednesday, December 1, 2004, at 7:00 P.M. Wolfe will be on tour promoting his new book *I am Charlotte Simmons*. The novel tells the story of a college freshman from North Carolina who discovers that academic success does not always equal power in an academic environment that often glorifies social, moral, and political corruption.

Tickets are \$5 for the general public. NC State students may attend for free with a valid student ID. Tickets are available at the door or in advance from the Friends of the Library and from Quail Ridge Books and Music. NCSU students can pick up a free ticket at either location when they present their student ID. Quail Ridge Books and Music also will provide a free ticket with the purchase of *I am Charlotte Simmons* from its location on Wade Avenue or at the McKimmon Center. Wolfe will be available to sign books after he speaks. For additional information, call the Friends office, Monday through Friday, 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., at 515-2841. ♦